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Case 7042R

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of
Rourke et al. :
Serial No. 09/529,575 : Group Art Unit:3761
Filed: July 13, 2001 : Examiner: J. Webb

Title: PROTEASE INHIBITORS IN ABSORBENT ARTICLES

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is fully responsive to the Office Action dated July 13, 2001. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the present application in view of the accompanying amendments and remarks.

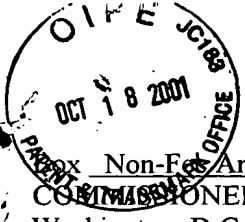
CLAIM REJECTIONS

Information Disclosure Statement

Copies of the requested references (EP 0,815,841 A1, JP 61,028,078, and WO 98/03147) have been submitted in a Supplemental IDS on October 9, 2001.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 21-33 and 35-40 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §103 as being anticipated by Roe (US 5,607,760) in view of Kasahara et al. (JP 04-182,423). Specifically, the Examiner states that they consider the IC₅₀ values to be an inherent property of the protease inhibitor itself, and because Kasahara et al. teaches multiple protease inhibitors, that Kasahara et al. has disclosed all the claimed IC₅₀ values. The Examiner further states that Kasahara et al. teaches protease inhibitors in the form of a lotion or emulsion and it would be obvious to a skilled artisan to



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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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Non-Fee Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Rourke, et al. Confirmation No.
Serial No.: 09/529,575 Group Art Unit: 3761
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- 1. No additional fee is known to be required.
- 2. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	RATE	FEE
TOTAL	* 19	MINUS	** 20	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEP.	* 5	MINUS	*** 5	= 0	x \$84 =	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$280 =	\$0.00
TOTAL						\$0.00

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.
The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- 3. The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
- 4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - a. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
 - b. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
- 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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